

With the heart man
believeth unto righteousness
And with the mouth
confession is made unto
salvation

ROMANS 10:10

1967
MINUTES
OF THE
GAINES CREEK ASSEN.
OF
FREMONT BAPTISTS



ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. House called to order.
2. Letters called for and adopted.
3. Right hand of fellowship.
4. Reading of Rulus of Order.
5. Petitionary letters.
6. Invite visiting brethern to sit in council.
7. Appgintment of committees.
8. New business.
9. Report of committees.
10. Miscellaneous business.
- II. Election of officers.

PROCEEDINGS OF FIFTY SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF GAINES CREEK ASS'N. TANNEHILL CAMP GROUND AUG.17-19-1967

Moderator -----Rev.Ernest Harrison
Ass't. Moderator ----Rev.Cliff Myers
Clerk-Treasurer -----Lela White
Ass't. Clerk -----Judy Botts

The nex't Annual Association will be held Aug.
8-9-10-1968

S.E.Youth Camp will be held Aug. 12-16-1968 at
Robbers Cave Youth Camp #2

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whoever he may request.

2. That all ministers, deacons, church clerks and association clerks be as standing delegates.

3. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes it's discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition as motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.

7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association if necessary.

12. In the future meetings of the Association, arrangement shall be made to insure two or more sermons each day or other equivalent devotional exercises.

13. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

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McAlester First

Sis. Cromwell
 Bro. Eddie Prentice
 Sis. Kay Prentice

Northtown

Sis. Della Mae Smith
 Sis. Gertrude Baker

Eufaula

Bro. Pink Hairrod
 Sis. Leona Hairrod
 Bro. Joe Thomason

Stuart

Sis. Ollie Blasengame
 Sis. Doris Cargile
 Sis. Glenda Blevins

Crowder

Sis. Mary Lou Trollinger
 Sis. Shirley Chestine
 Sis. Susie Kirby

Lone Grove

Sis. Ruth Lee
 Sis. Ida Barlow
 Bro. Joe Barlow

Fellowship

Bro. James Long
 Sis. Bertha Long
 Sis. Sharon Bell

Lone Oak

Bro. Harrison Botts
 Bro. W.C. Ratledge
 Sis. Sophia Lewis

New Hope

Sis. Jessie Cathey
 Sis. M.L. Bogan
 Sis. Wyona Eldridge

Tannehill

Bro. Bill Slover
 Sis. Mable Miller
 Sis. Mae Shipley

STATE DELEGATES

Sis. Stella Harrison
 Sis. Lela White
 Sis. Judy Botts

Bro. T.C. Carmen
 Bro. J.M. Snowder
 Bro. Harry Lee

Bro. Buster Stacey

Thursday Night Services

Services called to order by Bro. Cliff Myers.

Song #60 "Living by Faith".

Prayer by Bro. Walter Boyd.

Song #168 "I'll Not be a Stranger".

United prayer led by Bro. Leon Sparkes.

Testimony service conducted by Bro. Myers.

Special song #262 "I Know I'm Saved".

Message by Bro. Dale Smith, theme of his message was "Desires of thine heart".

5 ministers were present and 6 churches were represented at this service.

Closing prayer by Bro. Joe Zimmer.

Friday Morning Services

The 56th Annual session of the Gaines Creek Association was called into session by the Moderator, Bro. Cliff Myers.

Opening song #56 "Power in the Blood".

Special scripture reading by Bro. Boyd, Eph. 4:1

Letters called for.

Nominated for acc't. clerk; Sis. Young, Sis. Smalley.

Elected; Sis. Smalley.

Reading of the letters with 9 churches represented.

Motion to accept letters as read.

Letters accepted and delegates seated.

Right hand of fellowship extended to delegates.

Recognize Bro. O'Donnell as visitor.

Motion to give power to Moderator and assistant to appoint all committees. Passed.

Devotion committee appointed; Sis. Ruth Lee, Bro.

Arvil Shipley, Bro. Joe Barlow. Committee excused.

Reading of Rules of Order by Bro. Charlie Christian, assistant Moderator.

Devotion committee report; Bro. O'Donnell to speak.

Motion to dismiss business session until 1:00 P.M.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. James Long.

11:00 Service

Congregational song #62 "Redeemed".

Prayer by Bro. Charlie Christian,
Song "Where could I go but to the Lord".
Bro. O'Donnell; 11:00 speaker. Scripture reading taken
from Matt. 6:33, Romans 1:16-28
Theme: "What is God's Righteousness"?
Youth camp by Bro. Myers.
Dismissed with prayer for noon hour by Bro. Venable.

Friday Afternoon

Business session brought to floor.
Called into session by singing song # 225.
Report by Bro. O'Donnell about O.B.C.
Committees appointed; See standing boards.
Dismissed for 20 minutes. Returned to session.
Devotion committee report on Friday night speaker;
Bro. Harrison, with Bro. Lee as alternate.
Dismissed until 10:00 A.M. Saturday with prayer by
Sis. Margie Higgins.

Friday Night Services

Services began with singing of song # 246
Evening speaker was Bro. Joe Zummer. Also Bro. Boyd
was asked to preach too.
Devotion service was led by Bro. J.R. Smith.
Bro. Zummer took his text from Psalm 145-Rom. 12:1
Theme "Covenant".
Special song by Bro. and Sis. Boyd and Sis. Botts, "I
Know the Lord Will Call my Name".
Bro. Boyd took his text from Psalm 145:1-2 and Isaiah
53:1-6. Theme; Praises to God every day".
Closing prayer by Bro. Arvil Shipley.

Saturday Morning Service

Opening song "I'll not be a Stranger". Prayer by Bro.
Dixon. Late letters called for. One from the Eufaula
church. Moved and accepted we receive the letter from
Eufaula church and seat the delegates.
Visiting brethren invited to sit in council.
Resolutions committee report: Motion made and met with
2nd the motion be referred back to the committee.
Mission report read and accepted. See Comm. Report
Temperance and C.T.S. report read and accepted.

Sunday School report given. See Comm. Reports
Obituary report given. " " "
Moment of silent prayer; concluded by Bro. Lee.
Divine comm. report: Bro. Harrison, 11:00 o'clock.
Resolutions comm report (con't)
Resolution #1-passed. See Comm. report.
Motion made and carried we dismiss the business till 1.

11:00 o'clock Service

Opening song "Power in the Blood". Prayer by Bro. Hickman
followed by congregational song "He Knows".
Prayer by Bro. Boyd.
Bro. Harrison took his text from exodus 4:1
Theme "Serving the Lord with what we have".
A wonderful message and very inspirational.
Dismissed by Bro. Joe Barlow.

Saturday Afternoon Services

The final afternoon service opened with the congrega-
tion singing "That Glad Reunion Day". Prayer by Sis. Lott.
Old business called for.
Resolution #2 accepted at this time. See Comm. Report.
Examining comm. report given.
It is requested candidates be taken one at a time.
Bro. Leon Sparkes --- Licensed --- passed.
Bro. Dale Smith --- Ordination --- passed.
Bro. Ernest Harrison, Jr. --- Ordination --- passed.
Bro. Harrison Botts --- Deaconship --- passed.
Bro. Arvil Shipley --- Deaconship --- passed.
Bro. Bill Slover --- Deaconship --- passed.
Women's Aux. report. See comm. report.
No new business.
Motion made the Association hold a Sunday School Insti-
tute: Passed. Bro. Harrison, Sr. appointed to see about
the film strip, and also to set time for the Institute.
Motion made that the pastors of the churches in our
Association conduct the yearly revival free of charge
instead of calling an outside evangelist, and let the
money stay in the treasury; Carried. Committee appoin-
ted to set up the itinerary; Bro. Culver, Sis. O'Malley
and Bro. Jody Painter.

Date of Annual Association 8-8-1968
Introductory sermon by Bro. Dixon, with Bro.
Walter Boyd as alternate.
Election of officers.
Bro. Dale Smith, Moderator.
Bro. Walter Boyd, Ass't Moderator.
Sis. Lela White, Clerk-Treasurer.
Sis. Clarice Christian, Ass't. Clerk.
Elected to Exec. board: Bro. Charlie Christian, 5 yrs.
Examining board: Bro. Ernest Harrison, Bro. Buster Stacey,
Bro. Cliff Myers, Bro. Walter Boyd, Bro. Jess Henson.
Voted to print 200 minutes.
State board member-1968: Bro. Harry Lee.
General board member-1968: Bro. Charlie Christian.
Quarterly meetings placed at this time.
1st. -- Crowder -- Nov. 17-18-1967
2nd. -- Lone Grove -- Feb. 16-17-1968
3rd. -- Fellowship -- May 17-18-1968
Motion made we send \$ 100.00 to O.B.C. on our
allocation. Carried.
Ordaining council for deacons; Bro. Cliff Myers, Bro.
J.M. Snowden, Bro. Walter Boyd.
The charge was given by Bro. Myers. Prayer beginning
with Bro. Snowden, 2nd. Bro. Boyd, concluded by Bro.
Myers.
Motion made to appoint committee to study ways and
means of turning water away from the Tabernacle:
Carried.
Committee: Bro. Buster Stacey, Bro. Arvil Shipley,
and Bro. Harry Lee.
Report on Youth Camp given by Bro. Harrison, Sr.
Minutes read and approved.
There being no further business, meeting stands adjou-
rned until nex't quarterly meeting.

DATE OF ASSOCIATION REVIVAL

JULY 22-31- 1968

CAMPGROUND TABERNACLE

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CHURCH YEAR 8/1/1966-----8/1/1967

Bal. in Bank -----	\$ 228.87
Received -----	4,019.59

Total	\$4,284.46
Total disbursements -----	4,068.89

Bal. 8/ 1967 -----	\$ 179.58

1967 Revival

New Hope ---- \$	15.00	Fellowship -----	\$ 15.00
Lone Grove --	15.00	Tannehill -----	15.00
Lone Oak ----	15.00	Stuart -----	15.00
Northtown ---	15.00	McAlester Ist. -	15.00
Crowder -----	15.00		

1966 Revival and Minutes

Wilburton --- \$	25.00	McAlester Ist. --	\$ 25.00
Eufaula -----	10.00	Northtown -----	25.00
Crowder -----	25.00	Lone Oak -----	25.00
Fellowship --	15.00	Stuart -----	25.00
Lone Grove ---	25.00	New Hope -----	25.00

Co-Operative Plan

McAlester First -----	\$ 1,338.59
Stuart -----	358.39
Lone Grove -----	99.89
Lone Oak -----	80.65
Crowder -----	66.07

Missions

McAlester First	
Gage -----	\$ 182.30
Calvary -----	25.60
Haas -----	90.00
Sparkes -----	98.10
Deeds -----	123.25
McLain -----	108.36
Hawaii Land -----	81.85
Bill Jones -----	91.60
Combs -----	7.75

Stuart

McClain -----	\$ 32.00
Aguirre -----	19.00
Jones-Tyson -----	45.00
General Mission -----	35.63
Gage -----	25.00

Crowder

Jones-Tyson (C.T.S.)---	20.00
Gage (V.B.S.) -----	3.44
Home Mission -----	66.05

New Hope

Gage -----	2.50
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Lone Oak-New Hope Aux.

Gage -----	5.00
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O.B.C.

Stuart -----	200.00
McAlester First -----	211.25
Lone Oak (Gen. Fund) -----	80.00
Lone Oak(Library Fund) -----	28.00
Crowder -----	66.07

Disbursements

Co-op -----	971.49
Bond -----	324.50
Insurance -----	65.00
Jim Tilford(Labor-Repairs) ----	127.44
News-Capital(1966 Revival) ----	10.50
State Delegate -----	25.00
General Beard -----	25.00
Bulletin-Minutes Supplies ----	76.30
Missions -----	991.43
Jones-Tyson -----	390.00
Moncreifs -----	3.25
News-Capital(1967 Revival) ----	10.80
Bro. Purdom -----	50.00
Also \$100.00 offering given Bro. Purdom.	
Bro. Hershall Hickman -----	150.00
Electric -----	42.66
O.B.C. -----	785.32
Manns Flower Shop -----	20.20

Total

\$4,068.89

RESOLUTIONS

- I. Be it resolved that no moderator shall succeed himself in office,
2. Be it resolved that all resolutions be recorded in minutes year after year.
3. Be it resolved that the delegate to the General Boare be paid the sum of twenty five(25.00) for expenses.
4. Be it resolved that resolutions that are not recorded in the minutes be abolished.
5. Be it resolved that all churches of the Association pay 10% to the Co-Op.
6. That each church in Association send in \$ 10.00 in last(May) letter to Quarterly meeting for the Association revival.
7. Moderator to have charge of the revival.
8. That we put in the minutes as a rule that each church send \$15.00 for State Minutes and delegate fee.
9. We recommend that caution be used in the granting of a license to preach the gospel to anyone, while there are licensed preachers idle, and churches are without pastors or part time preaching.
10. Be it resolved that we give our evangelist the money that was voted by our Association.
- II. Be it resolved that we adopt the Lords Supper, Baptism and Feetwashing as set forth in our National Treatise for our Association Minutes.

Standing Boards

Obituary

Sis. Venable, Sis. Bertha Long, Sis. Mollie Myers

Church Training Service

Sis. Opal Hickman, Sis. O'Malley, Sis. Edith Young

Missions

Bro. Joe Berlow, Bro. R.A. Venable, Sis. Judy Botts

Temperance

Sis. Eldridge, Bro. Walter Boyd, Sis. Margio Higgins

Sunday School

Bro. Harrison Botts, Sis. Ruth Lee, Sis. M.L. Bogan

Resolutions

Bro. Thomas Carmen, Bro. Buster Stacey, Bro. James Long

Examining

Bro. Cliff Myers, Bro. Buster Stacey, Bro. Walter Boyd,
Bro. Jess Henson, Bro. Ernest Harrison, Sr.

Executive

Bro. Charlie Christian5 Years
Bro. Loyd Higgins4 "
Bro. Cliff Myers3 "
Bro. Harry Lee2 "
Bro. Jess Henson1 Year

Quarterly Meetings Placed

1st. CrowderNov. 17-18-1967
2nd. Lone GroveFeb. 16-17-1968
3rd. FellowshipMay 17-18-1968

Visiting Ministers

Rev. J.D. O'DonnellOklahoma City, Okla.

Committee Reports

Sunday School Committee

We recommend all Sunday School teachers express the Bible in all their teachings. Also we urge the giving of Attendance pins. With 9 of our churches counted there are approximately 596 persons enrolled in our Sunday Schools in the Gaines Creek Association.

Bro. Harrison Botts, Chrmn.

C.T.S.

We notice in the letters that we have gained in C.T.S. work. We would urge all churches that don't have C.T.S. to start one, and encourage the young people to attend. 7 churches have an enrollment of 241.

Sis. Edith Young, Chrmn.

Temperance Committee

We as Christians should discourage the use and sale of intoxicating beverages. As Gods' children be temperate in dress and all things.

Sis. Margie Higgins, Chrmn.

Mission Committee

We your Mission comm. report that mission giving is up some over last year. But we encourage all of our churches to start a mission program.

Bro. Joe Barlow, Chrmn.

Obituary Committee

We report as follows: We sorrow over the loss of our sisters in Christ. We feel our loss is heavens gain.

Sis. Ruth YoungCrowder Church

Sis. Hattie PryorLone Oak Church

Sis. Sylvia FassioWilburton Church

Sis. Mollie Myers, Chrmn.

Resolutions Committee

See resolutions printed under "Resolutions"

Auxiliary Committee

The Aux. of Stuart has purchased a carpet runner for the center aisle and around the altar. Had pre-season

sessions of prayer before Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. A fan was purchased for the Adult Women's class room. Have had a rummage sale, paying tithes to General Mission Fund. Gave offering to Gen. Fund. Sponsored a Vacation Bible school.

Since the division of Lone Oak-New Hope Aux. we of the Lone Oak are in the process of organizing. We hope by the next quarterly meeting we will be able to give a good report of our activities.

The New Hope Aux. has 8 members. We sponsored a V.B.S. Gave offering to Bro. Gage. Had a bake sale to help our C.T.S. Helped a family whose home had been destroyed by fire. Also prepared dinner for family who had a funeral.

Sis. Edith Young, Chrm.

Southeastern Youth Camp Report

The Southeastern Youth camp had an enrollment of approximately 102. The evangelist was Rev. Bailey Thompson of Poteau, Okla. Music Director was Bro. Gary Blalock of Holdenville, Okla. Our General Director was Bro. Roma Stewart, who also served as camp Counsellor. All the good food was prepared under the able hands of the Kitchen Directors, Sis. Lola White and Sis. Stella Harrison.

The Bible Course teachers were Bro. Harry Lee, Bro. and Sis. Adams of Wetoka, Okla. and Bro. Harrison, who was also in charge of Finance and Registration.

There were 48 conversions and re-dedications.

Everyone had a wonderful time in the Lord, and I feel sure that many are already looking forward to next years camp.

Bro. Ernest Harrison, Rep.

Minutes of Quarterly Meetings

Nov. 19-1966

Gaines Creek Association called onto floor at Stuart church by Moderator. Letters called for with 8 churches responding.

Bro. Homer Willis, Natl. Director of Home Mission Board brought greetings and report on mission field.

Bro. N. R. Smith gave report on O.B.C.

Voted to pay \$100.00 on our allocation

Voted for Bro. Harrison to investigate lots on Lake Eufaula for our Association.

Feb. 18-1967

Meeting convened at the Lone Oak church on Friday night with 8 churches represented. 9 churches on Sat. Committee appointed to correct wording of minutes.

Bro. Milton Ford examined to be a deacon.

Bro. Harry Lee and Sis. Arta Lee Smalley elected to act as Associational Directors.

May 19-1967

Third Quarterly Meeting held at the New Hope church. Letters called for with 8 churches represented.

There were 9 ministers present.

Special singing by Sis. Alene Eldridge and Bro. and Sis. Leon Sparks.

Bro. O'Donnell gave report on O.B.C. and it's students. Bro. N. R. Smith spoke on needs of missions, also on the Co-op plan and the need of all churches to participate in it.

\$ 100.00 sent on our allocation.

Bro. Bill Chambers ordained to office of deacon, Bro. Myers reading the charge.

CHURCH & PASTOR

CLERKS

Mc First --Rev. Ernest Harrison	Nell Christen, 2001 N. "B", McAlester, Okla.
Fellowship-Rev. Walter Boyd	Oleta Lott, Box 2118, North McAlester, Okla.
Lone Oak --Rev. Cliff Myers	Judy Botts, Rt. I, Indimola, Okla.
New Hope --Rev. Bill McClellan	Edith Young, Rt. I, Crowder, Okla.
Stuart Rev. Gilbert Lawrence HARRY LEE	Arta Lee Smalley, Heywood, Okla.
Wilburton --Rev. C. H. Fassio	
Crowder Rev. Albert J. Barrett	Lela White, Crowder, Okla.
Lone Grove-Rev. Joe Zimmer	Lillian Lott, Heywood, Okla.
Northtown Rev. J. C. Zimmer	Clarence Baker, Rt. 6, McAlester, Okla.
Eufaula Rev. Thomas Dixon	Eulene Davis, Rt. I, Eufaula, Okla.
Tanchill --Bro. Leon Sparks	Mac Shipley, Rt. I McAlester, Okla.

By-Laws

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is present the Moderator, or in his absence the assistant Moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present, the senior minister in years shall act as Moderator.
2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the Association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the Association. In the case of questionable representation, however, the cases under question shall be referred to the Credentials Committee.
3. It shall be the duty of every church belonging to this Association to send a letter to every Annual session of this Association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any church belonging to this Association, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions, may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.
4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.
5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the Moderator can be overruled.
6. This Association may correspond by delegate or otherwise with other religious bodies.
7. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.
8. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the Moderator.
9. It shall be the duty of all the members of the Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the Moderator.
10. No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meetings without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.
12. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.
13. Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the appellation "Brother Moderator", but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.
14. The "Yeas" and "Nays" may be counted on any question by request of one of the members present.
15. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on the same subject without permission from the Moderator.
16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.
17. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Articles of Faith

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one in divine essence, power and glory, Rom. 1:20, John 1:17, 17-21.
2. We believe that the Scripture of the old and New Testament is the word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice, 2nd. Tim. 3:16, Matt. 5:18.
3. We believe that God created men good and gave him Holy Commandments whereby he should live, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for the suffering of death crowned with glory, that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Gen. 3:17, Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe Christ by His death, suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon principals of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent therefore He saith "Look unto me and be saved, all ends of the earth. For I am God and there is none else. Matt. 4:17, Isai. 45:22, Acts 20: 20-21.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the spirit of God. Jonah 4:11, Mark 16:14 Deut. 1: 39.

6. We believe all Christians must persevere in Grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life, for blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life and enter thru the gates into the city. Rev. 22:14, Matt. 24: 13.

7. We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode, even the burial of a believer in water, and that Christ who is our life, showed His humble example to His children and bids us walk therein. John 3: 22, Romans 6:34, Matt. 28: 19-20, Matt. 3: 10.

8. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace in great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of His word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price. He bids us freely come and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. 1st. Cor. 12:13, Eph. 3:7, Rev. 22:17.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saint's Feet are divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children. Mark 24:22-23, John 13:4-14, Matt. 28: 19-20, 1st. Tim. 5: 10.

10. We believe that none have a right to baptism, only those who have a living home in the Lord Jesus Christ and none have the right to administer the same, only those who have come under the hands of the presidency of elders. Each church ought to have a pastor, deacons, and clerks chosen by the church ought to have office during the good pleasure of same. In dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 16th

chapter of Matt. and other scriptures relative to deal with disorderly members. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, and then it must be unanimous. Titus I:5, Acts 14: 23, 2nd. Cor. 6:6.

II. We believe it is the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month, and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church when setting forth the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saint's Feet to let a man "examine himself" and so let him eat ". Ist. Cor. 11:28, John 13:14.

I2. We believe that the sanctification and holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God's dwelling in the light, so when this corruptable shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality then shall it be brought to pass the saying that is written "Death swallowed up in victory". That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God. Gal. 6: 10, Ist. John 2:9.

I3. We believe in the resurrection of the dead of both the just and the unjust, the resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God, the unjust to the everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God. Matt. 25:31, Ist. Cor. 15: 42-45, Thess. I:10, Rev. 20: 12-13.

Gaines Creek Association Constitution

PREAMBLE: From experience, we the members of the churches of God and Christ, commonly known as Free Will Baptists, realize the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a group which desires to promote every phase of our state and national enterprise, do hereby ordain this constitution for our progress and to perpetuate better associational government.

ARTICLE I

NAME: This organization shall be known as the Gaines Creek Association of Free Will Baptists in Oklahoma.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Association shall be to bring into a union such churches in Southeastern Oklahoma as desires to promote the enterprise of the State and National Association.

Section 2: It shall not be the purpose of this Association to usurp authority over the churches but to recommend such measures as would promote unity of action among the churches to harmonize the efforts of individual churches among each other in their effort to accomplish good and make each other more proficient in their undertakings to advance the cause of Christ.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP: This Association shall be composed of churches commonly known as Free Will Baptists, who maintain gospel order and shall subscribe to the Constitution and By-Laws and Articles of Faith as adopted by this said Association.

Section 2 All duly constituted churches may be received in this Association by their presenting a petitionary letter from their respective churches if they shall be found orderly and orthodox. Such a reception shall be manifested by the Moderator or his Assistant giving the right hand as a token of fellowship.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATION : The members of this Association shall be the church clerks, and ordained ministers and ministers wives, deacons and deacons wives, in good standing belonging to any church of this Association; also three delegates from each local church, chosen during church conference and bearing credentials from said church to this body.

ARTICLE V

FINANCE: Each church shall send the sum of not less than \$15.00 annually. All expenses above the stated amount shall be at the direction of the body.

ARTICLE VI

DISCIPLINE: This Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the churches; or act upon any appeal that may be made at any of its meetings.

ARTICLE VII

PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE: The questions of deliberations shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS: The officers of this Association shall consist of moderator, assistant moderator, clerk-treasurer, and assistant clerk, each of which will be elected at the close of the yearly meeting.

Section 2: Committees, or boards, shall be appointed by the moderator unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are elected.

Section 3 : There shall be a Credential board elected by the Association, to inquire into, and examine each applicant for ordination of license to preach the gospel of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and make recommendations to the Association concerning the same. The council shall be composed of three ministers and two deacons.

section 4: The duties of boards and committees

shall be such as are common among Free Will Baptists when not in conflict with the State and National Associations.

ARTICLE IX

ALTERATIONS AND REMISSIONS: This Constitution may be amended at any yearly session by two-thirds vote of members present provided the proposed amendment or alteration be presented to the body in writing to read one day in advance.

ARTICLE X

CHURCH COVENANT AND BY-LAWS: The church covenant and by-laws are prescribed by the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of National Association of the Free Will Baptists as adopted in 1950.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopt the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, From all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men".

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the Ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the gospel.

We will everywhere, hold Christian principal sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL

#1- CHRISTIAN BAPTISM: This is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, (2) in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of Christians to the world, the washing of their souls from the pollution of sin, their rising to newness of life, their engagement to serve God, and their resurrection at the last day. (1)

(2) Matt. 28:19, Baptising (Greek, immersing) them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Col. 2:12, Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him. Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:5; Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor. 15:29.

#2- THE LORD'S SUPPER: This is a commemoration of the death of Christ for our sins, in the use of bread which He made the emblem of His broken body, and the cup, the emblem of His shed blood, (2) and by it the believer expresses his love for Christ, his faith and hope in Him, and pledges to Him perpetual fidelity.

(3) It is the privilege and duty of all who have spiritual union with Christ to commemorate His death, and no man has a right to forbid these tokens to the least of His disciples. (1)

(2) 1 Cor. 11:23-26, For I have received of the Lord ~~that which also~~ I delivered unto you. That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He break it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Matt. 26: 26-28.

(1) Romans 6:4, Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we

also should walk in newness of life. Col. 3:3, 2:12
Titus 3:5, Gal. 3:27, I Cor. 15:29.

(3) I Cor. 10:16, The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? I Cor. 10:12; 11: 27-29.

(1) I Cor. 10:17, For we being many are one bread and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread, Matt. 26:27; Drink ye all of it. Romans 14: 1-10; I Cor. 12: 12-27; Acts 2: 42; 20:7.

#3- WASHING THE SAINT'S FEET: This is a sacred ordinance, which teaches humility, and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and called an "example" on the night of His betrayal, and in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance. (2)
(2) Cf. St. John 13: 4-8, and I Tim. 5: 1-10.

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